

FORCED TO TAKE LIFE OF PARENT SHALL IT BE MOTHER OR FATHER?

Terrible Alternative That Has Been Presented
to Children in Various Parts of the Coun-
try--Tragedy Made the Daughter the In-
strument of Vengeance--Pistol Duel with
Father.



Y ES, I shot my father," sobbed the boy as he bowed his head in his hands, sitting there in his cell. "I had to do it to save my mother's life. Is he dead?"

The police already have all the evidence they want against Theodore Eller, the 19-year-old boy. They have the revolver with which he put the bullets into the body of his father, John Eller, at their home, 30 Littleton avenue, Newark. They have the boy's confession; they have his word for it that his married sister gave him the pistol to shoot his father.

John Eller did attack his wife just once too often. The moment he came home on that fatal evening he began abusing his helpmeet for 25 years—mother of his six children. He raged up and down the room. The patient wife was silent. When she didn't reply to the man's ravings Eller picked up an iron matchsafe and flung it at her with unerring aim. It struck her full in the forehead; she sank to the floor with a cry of agony.

The boy upstairs heard the cry. "Then he beat his father about the head," he said. "I'm going to get my gun and finish you right now!"

In the boy's pocket was the pistol. He remembered the injunction of his older sister, Mrs. Frederick Prestler, who had gone out for the evening, as she gave it to him: "Keep this close to your heart. Don't be afraid to use it if father attacks her again in one of his jealous rages."

Three steps at a time the lad dashed downstairs. As he ran into the room his mother fell upon him. "Theodore, Theodore!" she screamed, "save me, save me!"

She flung her arms around him. He put one arm around her and faced his mother, who came charging on at the two of them.

"I'll kill you both!" yelled the man. "Shoot, shoot, if you must; save our lives!" screamed Mrs. Eller.

Mother's Life, or Father's.

For an answer Theodore leveled the pistol at his father more quickly than it takes to tell it. The man staggered. It was the mother's life or the father's. The boy had to choose. He let the pistol do the choosing.

It backed once. On came the father, closing in. Again the weapon split forth a bullet. Eller dropped, mortally wounded. The mother swooned in her son's arms. But her life had been saved.

They hurried the father away to a hospital, where the surgeons said he was mortally wounded. The boy was arrested and held without bail. Had he allowed his mother to be beaten to

shot my mother, the best woman that ever lived. When I saw her fall I fired at the man the best I knew how and I'm glad one of the bullets hit him—my father!"

The Wassers, husband and wife, had separated. When Mrs. Langloz's husband died she went back to live with her mother and her little sister. Three years ago the man came into the little home and attacked little Annie, one of his daughters. "He was arrested, but nothing came of the case. This made him bold."

Forced His Way into House.

Wasser hung around the home and more than once he tried to get in. He was arrested, but each time got free on some plea or another. This made him bolder still. On the fatal morning he knocked at the door of the daughter and demanded admission.

"If you don't let me in I'll kill you and all the brats!" he yelled.

There was no answer. He broke down the door. Mrs. Wasser stood facing him. There was fire in her eye and decision in her voice.

"I'll never take you back, George Wasser," she said, firmly.

"Well," sneered Wasser, "you'll never telephone for the police again!"

Mrs. Wasser started to run. Wasser pulled a revolver out of his pocket. Before his wife had taken two steps he fired. The bullet struck the poor woman in the breast. She fell to the floor with her clothing ablaze so close was the range. Mrs. Wasser screamed the name of her dear room. They rushed out just in time to see their mother fall. Remembering the revolver her mother kept in the bureau drawer, Annie ran and got it. Quick as a flash she handed it to Mrs. Langloz. Just then Wasser was raising his weapon to shoot again at his helpless wife.

Daughter's Aim Deadly.

His daughter fired first. The bullet grazed his face. Wasser returned the shot, but he missed, though they were but 12 feet apart. Then the daughter fired again and both emptied their revolvers. Every shot of Wasser's missed, but the daughter's last shot found its mark. It made an ugly hole in the man's forehead and he sank to the floor with a groan. Then the young widow dropped her revolver and fell to a faint after the duel with her father.

The police came in; the two wounded persons were taken to the hospital. The wife died in the afternoon at three o'clock; the husband an hour later. The daughter "was arrested, only to be freed next day. "She wasn't a murderer," said one of the coroner's jury. "She was a help."

And for all that, facing her father's loaded revolver, firing shot for shot, the young widow hadn't been able to save her dear mother's life. But she had made her choice between the two, and she did the best she could.

Constantin Pellegrino, barely 17



years old, had hardly as much time to make up his mind whether he should save his mother stabbed to death or kill his father.

The family lived at No. 138 East Twenty-third street, Brooklyn. The father, Angelo, came home one evening crazed with drink. He attacked his wife and began to drag her around by her hair. The boy sprang to his mother's aid and the father knocked him to the floor.

"Now I'm going to kill you both!" yelled Pellegrino, drawing a knife.

Just in Time to Save Mother.

The boy wriggled away from his father's clutches as the man was too busy holding his wife by her hair and ran into the bedroom, where he knew his father kept a loaded revolver under the pillow. Constantino got back into the dining-room just in time to see his father about to slash his mother across the throat with his dagger.

From the State Capital

Items of Importance to Wisconsin People, Gleaned at Madison.

Madison.—The Wisconsin state fair may be held during the second, instead of the first week of September next year. Secretary John M. True of the Wisconsin state board of agriculture has received information from the secretaries of the Iowa and Minnesota state fair associations, indicating that they will probably desire to hold their fairs one week later than this year. Iowa usually holds its fair the week before Minnesota and Minnesota a week before Wisconsin. The matter will be discussed at the annual meeting of the American Association of Fairs and Expositions to be held at the Auditorium hotel in Chicago December 3. Secretary True is a member of the committee on arrangement of fair dates. Unless Iowa and Minnesota insist on a change, the next Wisconsin fair will be held from September 6 to 10. If the two states in question secure a change the dates will be September 13 to 17. The Wisconsin state board of agriculture elected the following to represent it at the Chicago meeting: Pres. George A. McKee, of Pewaukee; C. L. Hill of Rosendale; George Wylie, of Morrisville; L. E. Scott, of Stanley; and O. F. Roessler of Jefferson.

Sues State Commission.

An interesting legal point has been raised by the city of Superior in a suit against the railroad commission, resulting from the commission's order that the Douglas County Telephone Company should supply telephone service free of charge to the city officers. The city granted the company a franchise, among the conditions of which was an obligation on the part of the company to furnish the city telephone service free of charge. The railroad commission has held that free service is contrary to the public utilities law, and the city makes the claim that the franchise constituted a valid contract which the new statute would impair if enforced. This the city claims would be unconstitutional, and an injunction is sought restraining the commission from enforcing its order.

Attend Rivers Congress.

Gov. Davidson represented the following delegates to represent Wisconsin at the state convention of the National Rivers and Harbors congress to be held at Washington, D. C., December 9, 10, 11: Congressmen H. A. Cooper, Racine; J. M. Nelson, Madison; J. W. Murphy, Platteville; W. J. Curry, Milwaukee; W. H. Stafford, Milwaukee; C. H. Weiss, Sheboygan Falls; J. J. Esch, La Crosse; J. H. Davidson, Oshkosh; A. J. Kuehnemann, Green Bay; B. M. Axtell, J. J. Jenkinson, Chippewa Falls; Senators R. M. La Follette, Madison; L. M. Stephen, Marinette, and George H. D. Johnson, Milwaukee, and L. S. Patrick, Marinette.

Badger Monument Best, He Says.

"The new Wisconsin monument to be erected as a state memorial in the state of Wisconsin," reads the report of the national Vicksburg commission, according to A. G. Weissert, who with H. P. Bird, have returned from the south. As members of the Wisconsin Vicksburg National park commission they have inspected the monument to be erected as memorials to the Wisconsin troops in the state of Wisconsin. They inspected and accepted the 17 monuments and markers, and also the new monument which they have arranged to have erected as a state memorial.

Presbyterians in Session.

The first meeting of the Presbyterian Brotherhood Federation of the Fox River valley of Wisconsin was held in the Neenah Presbyterian church. A banquet was tendered under the auspices of the Organized Adult Bible class of the Neenah church. Addresses were given by Rev. J. S. Wilson of Merrill and E. C. Knapp of Chicago. Mr. Wilson spoke on "What I Have Seen in the North" and Mr. Knapp on "The Man and the Book." The federation was organized at Fond du Lac last summer.

Hunters Form State Association.

Disrupt Attorney E. L. Kelley was elected president of the Manitowish County Hunting and Fishing association. It has issued a call to all other like organizations for the holding of a state convention at Madison during the session of the legislature for the formation of a state organization. The plan has the approval of State Game Warden Stone. The organization will branch out and take effect in the protection of song and insect-eating birds.

School for Farmers.

F. R. Crane, principal of the Dunn county agricultural school, at Menomonie, announced a week's school of agriculture to be offered to the farmers of Dunn and adjacent counties, beginning January 25. The University of Wisconsin will furnish the instructors. The school will be held at the Dunn county farm near Barron. Under the present arrangement the county is compelled to pay annually large sums for the taking care of insane of this county in other institutions.

Builds \$150,000 Insane Asylum.

Barron county will build its own county asylum. An appropriation of \$150,000 to be secured by an issue of bonds, has been voted by the board, which by a vote of 28 to 12, decided on the erection of a building for the treatment of insane patients of this county. The proposed building will be erected on the county farm near Barron. Under the present arrangement the county is compelled to pay annually large sums for the taking care of insane of this county in other institutions.

Urges Survey of Soil.

"There is, perhaps, no state with a greater diversity of soils than Wisconsin," says Prof. A. R. Whitson of the college of agriculture, University of Wisconsin, discussing the great need for an adequate soil survey of the state. "Besides the large areas of intermediate clay loam soils, we have approximately 3,000,000 acres of extremely heavy clay, almost 6,000,000 acres of sandy loam, and between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 acres of sandy soils. The coming legislature will be urged to provide."

4,500 Students at University.

The new directory of the university shows 2,327 students in attendance, exclusive of the winter dairy and agricultural courses and the summer session. With these added the total attendance will exceed 3,000. The enrollment of the university has increased 108 over that of last year. The largest increase in attendance is in the college of agriculture, which has 228, an increase of 79, or nearly 54 per cent. The three new courses established this year all have a good enrollment.

To Increase Protection.

The Wisconsin Bankers' association will hold its annual convention in this city some time in July, the exact date to be determined later. This was decided at a meeting of the executive council in the Milwaukee Athletic club. The council also heard reports from the committee of the insurance department and took steps to increase protection of members against bank robberies, which have increased in frequency in the state the last few months.

Truth and Quality

Wisconsin Happenings

Kenosha.—In the county court at Elkhorn a jury returned a verdict granting Robert Ladewig of the town of Salem, Kenosha county, damages of \$10,200, against the Jefferson Ice Company of Chicago. Ladewig had sued for \$20,000. He was working at an ice-house at Silver Lake and fell when a bracket holding a scaffolding gave way.

Washington, D. C.—In a decision the interstate commerce commission dismissed the complaint of the Produce Company against the Milwaukee road. The complainant alleged that the rate of 34 1/2 cents a hundred pounds charged for shipments of mixed carload cabbage and other produce was excessive.

Madison.—Rev. George E. Hunter, pastor of Christ Presbyterian church, created a sensation when he declared that "there are precious few real sane people in these pews. Most of you men pay more attention to the value of your chickens than you do to the feeding, clothing and bringing up of your own children."

La Crosse.—The complaint in the case of Herman Ekern of Whitehall against Albert Hess, publisher of the Arcadia Leader, which suit was instituted by discovery proceedings during the recent legislative campaign, has been served. Ekern asks that he be compensated in the sum of \$10,000.

Appleton.—The marital difficulties of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Newton, who were divorced in court here by Judge John Goddard, are not unlike the domestic perplexities pictured in the well-known drama, "The Squaw Man." Mr. Newton is a white man, while his wife, who is but 18 years of age, is a squaw.

Kenosha.—The domestic troubles of Dr. and Mrs. Bradford A. Cornhill, formerly well-known in Kenosha, are being played out in the courts of Chicago as the doctor instituted a suit for divorce there charging desertion. The wife alleges that her husband has an "affinity" unknown to her.

Milton Junction.—Hazel Swamey, a young girl 20 years of age, was badly burned here by overturning a tea kettle of boiling water. The girl, during her work, stooped over to pick up something, catching her sleeve on the kettle, pulling it over onto her. Her condition is serious.

Superior.—Amil Iinkala, who contracted consumption since coming to this country a little more than two years ago, will be returned at his request to his native country there to die, the county paying the expenses of his transportation as he now is a public charge.

Neenah.—In a quarry near here there was found a remarkable fossil, nearly 20 feet long, and 12 inches in diameter. Dr. W. J. Brinkley, curator of Lawrence university, identified it as an orthoceras, a group of which included the ancestral forms of animals.

Racine.—Twenty-four members of the Kenosha county board of supervisors, the entire Racine county board, Mayor A. J. Horlick, Judge Max W. Rueck, Chief of Police H. V. Baker and a delegation of citizens, inspected the Racine county insane asylum.

Neenah.—To have two bullets whiz through his hat, cutting his hair close to the scalp, was the narrow escape which Henry Klavon of this city had from death. He was seated behind a pile of rocks when hunters began blazing away at the stones.

Janesville.—James Calk, who is under \$1,000 bail on the charge of highway robbery here on October 10, waiting a second trial, was arrested again on the charge of having stolen \$2,000 worth of silverware from a Fond du Lac home last summer.

Fond du Lac.—A tuberculosis colony will be established here as soon as possible to rid Fond du Lac county of the disease. Plans for such a colony were discussed at the sixth annual meeting of the Fond du Lac County Medical society.

Madison.—Edward Nordman of Port, defeated Democratic candidate for assemblyman in the Florence, Forrest and Langlade district, filed a statement in the office of the secretary of state, showing that he spent \$52 for campaign purposes.

Medford.—A 16-year-old son of Mrs. John Steiner, living ten miles northwest of here, while hunting deer carelessly dropped his gun. It was discharged and he received the contents in his side and shoulder.

Sheboygan.—Rev. F. Wieland of Superior Avenue Reformed church has received a call as home missionary of the classis of his denomination. He has been pastor of the local church three years.

Hartland.—Burglars robbed the elevator of Fred Pynn and the Milwaukee road freight depot. A ton of ground feed, 60 sacks of flour and 20 bags of oats were taken from the elevator.

Eau Claire.—So many hunters traveled on the Draper branch of the Omaha road that box cars had to be used to transport them.

Port Washington.—The two gas reservoirs of the Milwaukee-Northern electric railway exploded, completely tying up all traffic on the line, the generators being put out of commission.

Manitowish.—When the revenue cutters Tascara cleared from this port for Superior it took along 12 prisoners, all in irons and double irons. The men are all deserters.

Eau Claire.—The bounties paid out by Eau Claire county the last year for killing sparrows, crows, hawks, and gophers amount to \$6,547.75.

Neenah.—Section men working on the Northwestern road in the Fox River valley have been notified that they will be expected to work ten instead of eight hours. A corresponding increase in pay is expected.

Neenah.—Wild rice is being planted in the Hatfield pond, known officially as Lake Arbuthus, hunters, believing that ducks may be so attracted.

Green Bay.—The Brown county board of supervisors has raised the salary of the county judge to \$2,000. For the last 20 years it had been \$1,500.

Ely.—Louis Schae lost all the eggs of one of his hawks while assisting in cutting feed on the Swart farm.

Edgerton.—Hubert Lean had his hand crushed in a corn shredder so badly it was necessary to amputate it.

Menominee.—The Dunn county judge has decided to dispose of the services of a game warden.

Racine.—Dr. C. E. Evans of this city was pushed for the position of state veterinarian.

Racine.—Ragella De Mark, convicted of selling liquor to minors, was fined \$25.

NOT EXACTLY.

Modern Wedding Described with Possibly Slight Exaggeration.

The young pair had so many friends that the police were quite unable to cope with the attention. The bride was headed up in a barrel and thrown into the river, while the groom was bound and gagged and suspended by his feet from a tall tree.

At this point the military was called out and arrived at double quick just in time to save the baggage from being patted over with insulting phrases.

A number of shot were exchanged. At a late hour the city was reported quiet and the authorities, though not denying the popularity of the high contracting parties, were confident that there would be no more violence.

—Puck.

SEVERE HEMORRHOIDS

Sores, and Itching Eczema—Doctor Thought an Operation Necessary—Cuticura's Efficacy Proven.

"I am now 80 years old, and three years ago I was taken with an attack of severe hemorrhoids, bleeding and prostrating. The doctor said the only help for me was to go to a hospital and be operated on. I tried several remedies for months but did not get much help. During this time I suffered terribly. Then I bought a box of Cuticura Soap, Balm, and Ointment, and used Cuticura Suppository. It took a month of this treatment to get me in a fairly healthy state and then I treated myself once a day for three months and, after that, once or twice a week. The treatments I tried took a lot of money, and it is fortunate that I used Cuticura. J. H. Henderson, Hopkinton, N. Y., Apr. 26, 1907."

Mark Twain on Art.

Mark Twain and a party of friends recently went to visit the studio of a young sculptor who is coming rapidly into public notice. One of the pieces which was admired greatly by the majority of the party was the figure of a young woman coiling up her hair. Mark listened to the eulogiums in silence, and when upon an expression of opinion said slowly: "It is beautiful, but it is not true to nature."

All expressed their surprise at this unexpected verdict and demanded his reasons.

"She ought to have her mouth full of hairpins," replied Tom Sawyer's father.

What He Calls Her.

"Now, Willie," said the teacher of the primary class, "let us see whether you can tell us the name of this graceful-looking animal with the big, pronged horns? Hunters go up into the woods every fall to shoot the beautiful creature. It is very cruel of them to do so, is it not? Can't you tell us what the animal is called?"

Come, now, think. I am sure you know what it is. What does your father call your mother when he comes home at night?"

"He calls her Betsy, 'cause it plagues her."

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by the use of the Deafness Cure. It is a simple, safe, and effective remedy, and it is the only one that has been found to be successful. It is the only one that has been found to be successful. It is the only one that has been found to be successful.

Snake in a Beer-Barrel.

A party of foreigners tapped a keg of beer at Lake Altoona, Pa., but could not get the fluid through the spigot. Investigation disclosed the fact that the barrel was stopped up by a snake. The reptile must have crawled into the keg while it was lying empty on the ground, and was drowned when the keg was filled.

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Williams.

In Use For Over 30 Years.

The Kind You Have Always Bought.

In Days of Old.

Castoria—My lord, my lord, my lord, which was taken down for repairs has been put back in place.

Merry Knight—Ha, ha! That shows it is an advantage sometimes to have a drawback.

When a young man is in love he is apt to promise a girl anything she asks for, and knowing what a big contract he has undertaken.

Grand Rapids Tribune

BY DRUMB & SUTOR.
GRAND RAPIDS, WISCONSIN.

A Chicago doctor has killed a burglar—not a patient of his, by the way.

Bookmaking has its drawbacks this year, both the race track and the de luxe variety.

Wilbur Wright is getting prizes and contracts and Orville is getting well, which is as it ought to be.

Even Russia is able to beat cholera now. Science is the stoutest foe death has ever encountered.

The editor of a Chinese newspaper is named Li Sun. Which would indicate that this paper is a typical yellow journal.

If Explorer Peary has a motion picture machine the public may be able some day to obtain a near view of the arctic borealis in action.

New York business men complain that the supply of office-boy timber of the right sort is running short. Think, too, of the conservation.

King Edward may well be thankful that the crown prince from this country has been made only on letters and not on sovereign postal cards.

Mrs. Louise Brand and Mrs. Jeanes Howard, both graduate doctors of medicine, act as ship's physicians on two of the largest Mediterranean steamers.

The Prussian Ambassador of Selmer, head of a \$5,000,000 league, again illustrates the fact that science is one of the greatest of the modern multi-millionaires.

A French promoter has ordered 50 Wright airplanes. This is an artistic order. It is that of a man who is determined to get plenty of atmosphere for his plans.

Statistics say there are 15,000 stenographers in New York. What a state of affairs would arise if they should all start in betraying office correspondence!

The harbor of a British steamer was arrested at Philadelphia, charged with smuggling. It may have been from the forces of habit that he was merely trying to shave down expenses.

At present improvements are progressing with a rapidity that ought to encourage the harbor of New York.

New York is to have a school to instruct office boys in their duties. The curriculum will include a course in the art of the popular racism melody to a maddening extent. Such a course is totally unnecessary.

"Woman's place at the University of Berlin," says the faculty of that city, "must not become an important one, although her rights have not yet been fully recognized there. According to the latest report 440 women were entered at the largest high school last summer and 753 attended the winter session. Degrees were conferred on 12; 10 in medicine and 2 in philosophy."

Last year young Mr. Astor was given an automobile by his indulgent father because he was not at the foot of his class. This year it is wondered what form the award of merit will take. Another automobile? Or perhaps a nice, pretty, new top hat.

It is wonderful, though, to think how soon the list of desirable presents can be exhausted in his case.

As a precaution against dust explosions Prof. William Wright said that the coal dust in a roadway in a mine was regularly strewn with a sufficient amount of salts containing large quantities of water of crystallization, or with much larger proportions of the dusts of clay, slate, limestone, chalk or other substances, it would be rendered quite innocuous as if it were damped with water.

It would be hard to find two men more different in their way than the two Jameses of Kentucky—Ollie M. James, a Democrat, and Addison James, a Republican. Ollie is a lawyer, and Addison is a man of immense frame, big voice and spirited, characteristic of the lawyer; Representative Addison James is quiet and unassuming, like the modest doctor that he is.

One of the most remarkable freak newspapers in print was the *Lumina*, published in Madrid. It was printed with ink containing phosphorus, so that the paper could be read in the dark. Another curiosity was called the *Regal*, printed with non-poisonous ink on thin sheets of dough, which could be eaten, thus furnishing nourishment for the body as well as the mind. Le Uten Ette promised those who subscribed for 40 years a pension and free burial.

The officials of New York have declared that a large part of the city is practically proof of fireproofing is apparently to wait until fire attacks a building and then see whether or not it will burn the building down.

Moths have been eating forests in Saxony, while fire has been destroying ours. There must be conspiracy of nature forces against forestry this year, but that is all the more reason why human activity should prevent or repair nature's ravages.

A Georgia editor says that the Salome dance which he saw at the county fair was all correct. He should have an authority for he took his lunch with him and was right on the ground until the lights were put out.

Tolstoy's domestic life is singularly happy, in spite of the fact that his wife does not share his views concerning religion and sociology. A daughter is 16 years younger than her husband, and although the mother of 13 children is still beautiful and charming.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company proposes to raise \$50,000,000 on new capital, bringing the total amount stock up to \$200,000,000. The addition is considered necessary to complete extensions and make improvements required to meet the demand for greater facilities, especially in the growing northwest. And incidentally it may be remarked that the Canadian Pacific is coming into closer relation with transportation interests on this side of the border. Canada is awaking to the necessity of better outlet for her trade.

OIL KING TESTIFIES

ROCKEFELLER ON STAND FOR HIS STANDARD COMPANY.

TELLS OF ITS BEGINNING

Witness Becomes Enthusiastic in Reviewing the History and Wonderful Growth of the Giant Corporation.

New York.—Telling his story with the air of a country gentleman of kindly mien engaging a host of friends with incidents of days long past, John D. Rockefeller, president of the Standard Oil Company, though for nearly ten years retired from the active career of business, reviewed the history of the early oil trade and the development of the first companies that later grew into the present so-called oil trust.

Mr. Rockefeller was a witness for the defense in the suit to dissolve the Standard which is being prosecuted by the United States government, and his appearance at the hearing before Judge Franklin Furber, the referee, brought a large crowd to the Customs building.

In a manner that indicated pleasure in what he was about to tell, Mr. Rockefeller spoke of his start in the oil business and how under adverse conditions that business grew to the proportions of the Standard Oil Company of Ohio, with its capitalization of \$1,000,000.

Mr. Rockefeller's eyes sparkled in recollection of that early career, and he spoke of the organization and speaking of its million-dollar capitalization with almost boyish enthusiasm, he said:

"It seemed very large to us, who began with only \$4,000 in 1862."

Thus the proceedings lost in a sense their official aspect because of the engaging manner with which Mr. Rockefeller related his story, which now and then contained flashes of kindly humor.

The development of Mr. Rockefeller's testimony Wednesday night carried him to the organization of the Standard Oil Company of Ohio, indicated that one of the lines of the defense would be that the Standard Oil Company is not the result of an aggressive policy to gain the mastery of the oil trade, as charged, but the natural outcome of an economical development which the exigencies of the oil industry demanded.

SIX MEN KILLED IN MINE.

Cage Plunges 285 Feet to Bottom of the Shaft.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Six men were instantly killed, another dangerously injured and three others had narrow escapes from injury or death in a mine cage accident at Ellsworth mine No. 1, located in Washington county, late Monday. The mine is owned by the Ellsworth Coal Company of this city.

Because of a break in the machinery the cage, occupied by ten men, several of whom were mine officials, plunged from the shaft to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of 285 feet.

Big Gold Ore Discovery.

Knoxville, Tenn.—That an immense quantity of very rich gold ore has been discovered in the Smoky mountains of North Carolina by local prospectors, was announced here Monday by J. N. Brown, a mining engineer. Ore-bearing rock that by expert analysis contains from \$65 to \$940 per ton has been found.

Thirteen Hurt in Collision.

Kansas City, Mo.—Thirteen persons on a west-bound Santa Fe train were more or less injured, most of them escaping with bruises, when train No. 109, west-bound, and No. 114, east-bound, collided a few miles west of this city Wednesday.

Holland Again Expects Storm.

The Hague.—In view of the fact that an interesting event is expected next spring, Queen Wilhelmina has been forbidden by her physicians to hold her customary private audiences.

Crew of British Bark Rescued.

Philadelphia.—The captain of the British steamer *St. Helena*, which arrived at the Delaware breakwater Tuesday afternoon from Sourabaya, reported that he rescued the captain and crew of 16 men of the British bark *Osborga*, which was lost.

Cotton Compress Is Burned.

Indianapolis, Miss.—The plant of the Indian cotton compress at Vidalia, which was destroyed by fire Tuesday night, was valued at \$300,000.

Cubans Elect Gen. Gomez.

Havana.—Practically complete returns of the election show that the liberal victory was even more decisive than was supposed. Saturday night, Gen. Gomez received 153,323 votes, against 115,329 for Gen. Menocal.

Railway Man Dies in Church.

Woburn, Mass.—Edward D. Hayden, vice-president and secretary of the Boston & Albany railroad and a member of the Forty-ninth and Fiftieth congresses, died of apoplexy in his new church Sunday.

UNCLE SAM SUES WOMAN

MRS. CHADBOURNE ASKED TO PAY \$22,500 FOR SMUGGLING.

Mrs. "Jack" Gardner, of Boston, Not Mentioned in Bill—Description of Confiscated Property.

Chicago.—Mrs. Emily Crane Chadbourne, daughter of R. T. Crane, was sued Tuesday for \$22,500 by the United States government, District Attorney Sims asking for the forfeiture of property which she was alleged to have smuggled into this country last August.

Mrs. "Jack" Gardner, of Boston, for whom it was asserted at the time the smuggling story attained publicity, Mrs. Chadbourne had acted, was mentioned in the bill filed by the government.

This fact was considered the most surprising thing about the action, which itself had been expected some time. District Attorney Sims, however, declared that the government had no reason to believe from the evidence it had obtained that Mrs. Gardner had been interested in the alleged smuggling.

The \$22,500 for which suit is brought is the appraised value of goods seized by the customs. A payment of \$70,000 has already been made as penalties. The government insists on receiving the entire \$152,500 before it will restore to Mrs. Chadbourne the goods temporarily confiscated.

The property of which the forfeiture is asked by the government is described as follows:

One oil painting of "Madonna and Child."

One Italian fresco oil painting.

Two wrought-iron torch holders.

One marble bust.

Pivo wood and silk tapestries.

The suit filed in the district court by Mr. Sims and Assistant District Attorney Robert W. Childs, who has had charge of the Chadbourne-Gardner investigation, charges Mrs. Chadbourne with fraud. The inquiry that has been made is one that could, under the law, result in Mrs. Chadbourne's indictment. The federal grand jury and criminal prosecution, but no steps in this direction have been taken and it is believed that the duties and penalties that have been paid and the forfeiture of the valuable property are sufficient to satisfy the law and that no indictment will be sought before the grand jury.

Mr. Sims refused to discuss the possibility of either further civil or criminal action following the suit. He said that it was optional with Mrs. Chadbourne to pay the government the full \$152,500 or fight the suit.

HERBERT GRIGG CAPTURED.

Third Man Implicated in Murder at Vineland, N. J.

Vineland, N. J.—The sensation created by the capture of Walter Zeiler and Clara Wheeler, charged with the murder of William Road, the aged grandfather of Zeiler, was followed Wednesday by the capture of Herbert Grigg, the alleged accomplice, in Philadelphia. Grigg denied any knowledge of the murder and it has not been clearly established who killed the aged man. Zeiler, in his confession, said that he stood outside the house while Wheeler and Grigg went into to rob his grandfather and that he knew of the murder only when Wheeler and Grigg came out and told him.

Wheeler in a confession Wednesday alleged to have accused Zeiler of the murder, trying to place his grandfather by placing poison in his coffee.

SHOOTS BROTHER AND SELF.

Attorneys Are Involved in Double Tragedy at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Reuben Crown, said to be a New York attorney, is in a hospital here mortally wounded by a revolver shot alleged to have been self-inflicted.

Joseph Crown, his brother, a well-known Pittsburg lawyer, is in an adjoining ward, dangerously wounded by a shot which the New York man is accused of having fired.

The shooting occurred in Joseph Crown's office in the Blakewell building early Wednesday night after the brothers had been wrangling and quarreling for some time. The New York brother is said to have demanded money which the Pittsburg brother declined to advance.

Mrs. Eastman Marries Edwards.

Asheville, N. C.—Mrs. Sophie Eastman, daughter of the late Carter Harrison, former mayor of Chicago, was married here Tuesday night to Baker E. Edwards of Norfolk, Va. The ceremony was performed by a divorcee of the police in the offices of the attorneys who have been conducting Mrs. Eastman's suit against Col. V. S. McDoe. It is said that Edwards' activity in Mrs. Eastman's behalf since the litigation began was responsible for his success in his suit for her hand.

Negroes Sue Railroad.

Guthrie, Okla.—A committee of negroes of Oklahoma Wednesday filed with the corporation commission a suit against every railroad in the state demanding dining and sleeping cars for colored as well as white travelers.

British Bark and Crew Lost.

Victoria, B. C.—News brought here Wednesday tells of the loss, with all on board, of the British bark *Loch Lomond* off the Chatham islands where wreckage and life buoys belonging to the vessel were found.

Convicts' Plot Fatal to Eight.

Birmingham, Ala.—Fifty state convicts were in the mines at Pratt City formed a conspiracy Monday night to set No. 5 mine afire and escape during the confusion, and as a result eight of them were burned to death, one is missing and the other 41 are safely locked in the stockade.

Justice Harlan Not to Retire.

Washington.—Justice Harlan of the United States supreme court Tuesday denied that it was his intention to retire from the bench.

Two Men Are Electrocuted.

Warren, R. I.—In working among electric wires at the power station of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad at Warren, William Quinn of Fall River and Fred Foss of this town, were electrocuted Monday.

Engine Explodes; Two Dead.

Hayti, Mo.—Two trainmen are dead and two injured as the result of the explosion of a "frisco" freight engine here early Monday. The engine, owned by the Frisco, was carrying a load of coal and was traveling westward.

Well-Known Florist Dead.

Pleasant Hill, Mo.—George M. Kellogg, a florist well-known all over the United States, died at his home here Monday of Bright's disease, aged 70 years.

THESE CHILL, NOVEMBER DAYS.



MIKADO REVIEWS FLEET

JAPANESE RULER INSPECTS 110 FIGHTING VESSELS.

Admiral Togo Points Out Those Captured from Russia—Brilliant Scene at Kobe.

Kobe, Japan.—The fighting craft of Japan, comprising 110 vessels, exclusive of submarines, passed in review before the emperor Wednesday. The weather was perfect and the occasion was one long to be remembered.

Embarking on the battleship *Asama*, the emperor was welcomed by Admiral Togo and the other admirals of the fleet. As dozens of guns volleyed their salute the sun emerged from behind a cloud, transfiguring the great array of ships with their drying battle-flags plainly outlining on a distant hillside the figure of an anchor composed of pines planted by school children in 1903.

The *Asama*, with Admiral Togo on the bridge, steamed slowly between the lines of warships and auxiliaries with every band playing the national anthem. Togo, at the emperor's side, detailed the strength and equipment of each vessel, pointing out the ships captured from Russia during the Russo-Japanese war.

The review was concluded shortly before noon and the officers took lunch on the *Asama*. As the emperor left the flagship the entire fleet united in a cheer.

Prior to his departure for the shore the emperor congratulated the navy upon a great improvement due to the energies of officers and men. At Kobe Wednesday night the scene was a magnificent one. The entire fleet was outlined in electric lights and the city was swarming with enthusiastic crowds.

CONFESSES HUGE FORGERIES.

Peter Van Vliessen of Chicago Sent to Penitentiary.

Chicago.—Peter Van Vliessen, reputed millionaire and one of the foremost of Chicago business men, was sentenced to an indeterminate term in the Joliet penitentiary Monday within an hour after he had confessed to thefts approximating more than \$750,000.

For the last 18 years, according to his statement, he has been engaged in the forgery of deeds and mortgage notes.

Thies J. Lebens, real estate dealer and owner of downtown realty, an intimate friend of Van Vliessen, caused his arrest.

"I may have made \$1,000,000 for forgery," said Van Vliessen, "but most of that was spent in trying to cover up the forgeries already committed. The forgeries covered a period of 18 years. I was kept in trouble all the time committing new forgeries to cover up the old ones. There is nothing left."

Father and Daughter Drown.

New York.—Slipping from the gang plank of the freight boat captained by her father as she was boarding the craft Monday night, Mrs. Helen Bloch, a young widow, drowned in the North river. Her father, Henry Rice, although 78 years old, plunged overboard in the darkness, and tried to rescue her but he went down and was lost.

Vast Quantity of Whisky Burned.

Louisville, Ky.—Two warehouses of the Tom Moore Distilling Company of Bardonia, in which were stored 15,000 barrels of whisky, were burned late Wednesday, entailing a loss to the firm of about \$400,000. The loss to the government is \$750,000.

New Treaty with Japan?

Honolulu.—The Hawaii Shimbun publishes what purports to be a text of a new treaty between Japan and the United States, the official announcement of which, it says, will not be made until next February.

Dick Wood, Newspaper Man, Dies.

St. Louis.—Dick Wood, a well-known newspaper artist and correspondent in China for a newspaper association just prior to the Russo-Japanese war, died here Tuesday of tuberculosis.

Pittsburg May Lack Turkeys.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The recent rains and snows have had little effect upon the stage of the rivers and commission houses have practically abandoned hope of receiving consignments of poultry for Thanksgiving trade from down river points.

Gen. D. C. Coleman Stricken.

St. Louis.—Gen. David C. Coleman, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, is paralyzed at his home here Monday, and his condition is serious. He is 84 years old.

Three Ohio Counties Go Dry.

Columbus, O.—Three Ohio counties voted Friday Monday in local option elections. Muskingum and Tuscarawas were both carried by the temperance forces, with majorities of 1,000 and Hancock county by 1,900.

Flames Destroy a Reformatory.

Louisville, Ky.—Five buildings of the Indiana state reformatory, and nearly the entire plant of the Indiana Manufacturing Company at Jeffersonville, Ind., across the Ohio river, were destroyed by fire Sunday. The loss will total about \$250,000.

Flame Factory Partly Burned.

Omaha, Neb.—Fire early Sunday morning destroyed the west half of the Nebraska Moline Paper Company's factory, together with its contents. The loss is nearly \$100,000.

BLAST FATAL TO 25

GAS EXPLOSION IN BROOKLYN TEARS UP A STREET.

VICTIMS ARE BURIED DEEP

One Woman, Five Children and About Nineteen Workmen Are Killed—Remarkable Escape of Four Laborers.

New York.—Twenty-five persons are believed to have lost their lives in an explosion of gas which tore up a great section of Gold street, Brooklyn, Friday. It is definitely known that 15 persons were buried under the hundreds of tons of earth and timber that were thrown into the air by the explosion, and ten more persons are reported as missing.

The exact number of those who cannot be determined for those working to recover the entombed bodies must dig through 50 feet of dirt, rock and a tangle of pipes and timbers.

The explosion occurred in a 50-foot deep excavation that had been made in Gold street between York and Front streets where a water main was being laid. The gas main recently sprung a leak and in a manner unknown a spark came in contact with escaping gas.

Immediately there was a terrific explosion that lifted the surface of the street for half a block in both directions and hurled dirt, paving stones and debris into the air.

Gold street was crowded with school children when the explosion occurred and that scores of children were not killed or injured was remarkable. A woman and three children were almost opposite the excavation when the earth crumbled under their feet and they were swept down into the hole under tons of wreckage.

Two other children were on the opposite side of the street when the sidewalk caved in and they lost their lives.

Only four of the men working in the excavation escaped, and their escape was remarkable. These men were digging near the opening of a four-foot sewer and the force of the explosion blew them to the entrance of the Arthur Street tunnel, farthest in and he pulled the other men after him.

Water from the broken main began to pour into the sewer and the four men, in danger of being drowned, ran to the river where there was an outlet to the sewer.

MINE HORROR IN MONTANA.

Nine Men Believed to Have Lost Their Lives at Red Lodge.

Butte, Mont.—Fire Friday morning in the fourth drift east from No. 2 slope of the Northwestern Improvement Company's mine at Red Lodge caused the death of nine men. The bodies of three have been recovered. Six are missing and there is no doubt that they are dead.

Seven men were taken from the working at one p. m. in a half-dazed condition and are now in the hospital. Members of the fire department and 50 volunteers then started the work of rescue and within half an hour the skips were raised and the fourth entry and a hundred men were loaded on the cars and brought to the surface, many of them completely exhausted.

NEW REVOLUTION IN HAYTI.

Gen. Simon is at Head of a Formidable Insurrection.

Port au Prince, Hayti.—Gen. Antoine Simon, commander of the south for 20 years, having refused to comply with the recent request of President Nord Alexis to come to Port au Prince and confer with the president on the political situation, has been declared a rebel.

The revolutionary movement appears to be serious, as Gen. Simon is in possession of arms and ammunition. Communication with the south is interrupted.

CHILDREN CONTRACT PLAGUE.

Four Have Feet and Mouth Disease in Danville, Pa.

Washington.—Alarming results following the outbreak of a contagious foot and mouth disease in New York and Pennsylvania, causing those states to be quarantined against interstate shipments of cattle, etc., were shown Friday in advices which reached Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, stating that four children in Danville, Pa., had contracted the disease.

Hundred Girls Have Bad Fall.

Dayton, O.—A platform bearing over 100 girls employed at the Mercantile Corporation's plant in this city collapsed Friday afternoon, while the young women were being photographed. Fourteen were injured.

Finds But Cannot Have Her Child.

Bellingham, Wash.—After prosecuting a search for her child for 13 years, finding the boy in Bellingham last June the adopted son of A. W. Lewis, Miss Maude Lewis of Port Meyer some weeks ago secured possession of the child. Judge De Tiers of the superior court gave the boy into the charge of his adopted parents.

Richmond Publisher Dead.

Richmond, Va.—Joseph Bryan, owner of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, died suddenly Friday night.

Naval Officers Court-Martialed.

Manila.—A court-martial convened on the battleship *Louisiana* Friday for the purpose of trying Lieut. Commander Jewell of the *Louisiana* and Lieut. Bowers of the *Rhode Island* on charges of personal misconduct during the visit of the fleet to Japan.

Forest Fires in Southern Illinois.

Evansville, Ind.—Information received from Grayville and Carmi, Ill., states that forest fires have been raging in southern Illinois and the damage has been serious.

Missionary Dies in Egypt.

Philadelphia.—Word was received here Friday of the death in Cairo, Egypt, of Rev. William Harvey, a missionary for the United Presbyterian church since 1865. His relatives reside near Detroit.

Lawton's Son Gets Commission.

Washington.—Marley Lawton, a son of the late Maj. Gen. Henry W. Lawton, who was killed in the Philippine islands in 1900, has been appointed second lieutenant of the Philippine scouts.

NEW PROFESSION FOR WOMEN.

Bill Posters of Paris in Skirts Attract Attention.

Paris.—Not many days ago the French woman made her latest and most sensational invasion into domain of masculine activities. She appeared on the boulevards dressed in a course linen blouse with blue polka dots over one shoulder and a canvas bag full of hand bills strapped to her waist—in brief, she made her debut as a professional bill poster.

When the crowd of curiosity seekers and idlers thinned around the place, she turned and went to the corner of a street where a group of conspicuous Parisian reporters awaited her.

"But, messieurs, you are keeping me from my work," she exclaimed. "If you want to hear me talk, you must hold the blue not for me and hand me these," she unstrapped her pack and pointed to the many-hand posters within. "Ah, messieurs," she went on, "you may laugh, but I don't tell you why I became first 'colleuse' for nothing."

"Let me say first that I am well pleased with my new profession—easy work, life in the open air—and the public seems to appreciate my talents as much as if I were a favorite comedian of the Folies Bergere. I can't complain of an unenviable career. Best of all, the field isn't overcrowded—at least not yet. There is no tremendous tape to go through with before you are given the right to draw one dollar for your services."

"You may well believe that when I mention red tape I know what I am talking about. Once it was the dream of my life to work in the post office. But after I had pored many months over geography, histories and spelling books, I failed on my examination. Then I tried for the telephone service, thinking how happy I should be with my \$1.60 a day and a secure pension ahead. I passed, but when I went up for my place was told that I was one continuer under regulation height. I realized that I didn't see why the administration required ghentness for their telephone girls when the army admitted such pigmies. The real reason for my refusal was that the places were filled mostly by daughters of retired officers and government officials—who, of course, had the prior right to the right of height! Then I was indeed in despair. When I saw 'Wanted'—Woman bill poster in the paper I lost no time in presenting myself. I am well pleased but the 'patron' wouldn't be if he caught me frivolling my time like this. As you see, messieurs, and she gathered together her bills and marched off with her ladder."

ONLY WOMAN R. F. D. CARRIER.

Miss Mary Cheek Has Had Regular Route Since 1902.

Washington.—Mary E. Cheek is the only woman carrying mail on rural routes.

Uncle Ben Liked Her.

A Kansas City girl recently married a man who lives in one of the smaller near-by towns, and went there with him to live. The bridegroom was a tall, good-looking fellow, and she should like his bride and as one, an old farmer, voiced no complimentary opinion in his hearing he at last asked:

"Uncle Ben, what do you think of my wife?"

"Well, for a fact, George," responded the old fellow, "you first outmarried yourself."—Kansas City Times.

The Only Use He Knew.

The "head of the family" was rendering the vivid account of the departure of the lambs from the hands of Egypt, and his four-year-old son listened with intense interest.

At length the reader came to the passage, "And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him," when the boy, whose limited experience had taught him only one use for such articles, shocked his staid relatives by crying in excited amazement:

"We make soup wiv'?"—Har

